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Docket No.: BRIXIUS-11

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### INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references A) which is cited in the instant specification and references B) to D). Applicant does not admit that any of the cited documents constitutes prior art against the pending application.

	Country:	Patent or Appl. No:	Patentee or Applicant:	Issue or Filing Date:
A)	Germany	DE 197 25 480 C1	Trepel GmbH	12-03-1998
B)	Great Britain	GB 1 588 287	Masyc AG	04-23-1981
C)	Germany	DE 40 40 231 A1	Ostma M.	06-17-1992
D)	Germany	DE 195 46 887 A1	Grob Werke	05-07-1997

Copies of these references are submitted herewith along with form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached references have been considered and made of record.

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In addition, applicant notes with respect to any information that is not in English language as follows:

Reference C) describes a transporting installation for goods (1), in particular goods packed in boxes (1) or foil, having a feeding conveyor (2) and a discharging conveyor (3). The discharging conveyor (3) is connected to the feeding conveyor (2) at an angle (4) changing the direction of movement, and the individual goods (1) arrive at timed intervals on the feeding conveyor (2) working at constant transporting speed. The discharging conveyor (3) is equipped with a suction conveyor belt (6). Arranged on the discharging conveyor (3) in the connection region to the feeding conveyor (2) is a stop rail (7). The individual goods (1) to be transferred from the feeding conveyor (2) to the discharging conveyor (3) can be oriented on the stop rail (7) and at the same time or thereafter fixed in the oriented position by the low pressure of the suction conveyor belt (3) working at constant transporting speed.

Reference D) describes a conveyor line having a second drive mechanism (32) provided to lift the pallet (1) from the first drive mechanism (31) and then set it in motion. The direction of movement of the first drive and that of the second drive include a right angle. The second drive mechanism is formed as an endless conveyor unit and has upwards protruding elements to raise the pallet. The drives may be continuously revolving friction roller chains, with a section of the friction rollers of the second drive for lifting the pallet having a larger diameter.

The above-identified application discloses and claims an invention patentable over this prior art.

Entry of the references above set forth into the file of the above application  
is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted

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**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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	DE 197 25 480 C1	12-03-1998	Germany			no
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